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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003-04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 105

Introduced by Assembly Member Wiggins (Coauthors: Assembly Members Berg, Lowenthal, Matthews, Pavley, Reyes, Salinas, and Wolk)

January 10, 2003

An act to repeal Division 10.25 (commencing with Section 10278) and Division 10.4 (commencing with Section 10285) of the Public Resources Code, relating to agricultural lands.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 105, as amended, Wiggins. Agricultural land preservation.

(1) Existing law establishes the California Environmental Quality Improvement Revolving Loan Program within the Department of Conservation to provide loans to farmers to carry out practices approved for cost-share payments under the federal Environmental Quality Incentive Program.

This bill would repeal the provisions establishing that program.

(2) Existing law establishes the Coastal Farmland Preservation Program, which requires the State Coastal Conservancy and the Department of Conservation to enter into a memorandum of understanding to ensure that the program is a coordinated effort and meets the goals of coastal farmland preservation and the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act.

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This bill would repeal the provisions establishing the Coastal Farmland Preservation Program.

(3) This bill would declare the Legislature's intent relating to appropriations in the Budget Act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Division 10.25 (commencing with Section 2 10278) of the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- 3 SEC. 2. Division 10.4 (commencing with Section 10285) of 4 the Public Resources Code is repealed.
- 5 SEC. 3. From the funds available for grants under subdivision
- 6 (f) of Section 5096.650 of the Public Resources Code, and to the
- 7 extent permitted under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe
- 8 Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, it is the
- 9 intent of the Legislature to appropriate in the annual Budget Act
- 10 or acts the sum of forty-four million eight hundred thirty-two
- 11 thousand dollars (\$44,832,000) to the Department of
- 12 Conservation for grants under the California Farmland
- 13 Conservancy Program Act and for associated program costs, and
- 14 the sum of three million one hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars
- 15 (\$3,168,000) to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the purpose
- 16 of protecting grazing lands and grasslands.